

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for capturing an electronic signature of a user in a java based environment on a personal digital assistant (PDA) for verifying delivery of a package, comprising:

capturing an instance of the electronic signature ~~on the~~ by a canvas application;  
encoding by ~~[[a]]~~ the canvas the instance of the electronic signature in a file,  
wherein the canvas application has exclusive access to captured electronic signatures on the PDA; and  
~~transferring the encoded signature file by the canvas application to an applet;~~  
encoding an identification number of a second application loaded on the PDA for the delivery of the package to generate an encoded identifier;  
combining the encoded signature with the encoded identifier to generate a signature/identifier pair;  
encoding the signature/identifier pair;  
transferring the encoded signature/identifier pair to a remote CRM application; and  
responsive to receiving a verification from the remote CRM application, if the signature/application pair is verified then authorizing the delivery of the package, otherwise not authorizing the delivery of the package.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
storing the encoded signature/identifier to a file;  
attaching a pointer to the file ~~by the applet~~, the pointer pointing to a business object associated with the second application and the delivery of the package ~~electronic signature~~.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising communicating by the personal digital assistant the file and the business object to a server.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, further comprising encoding the file and the business object prior to communicating the file and the business object to the server.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the file and the business object are encoded using an MD5 algorithm.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 3, further comprising comparing the file to at least one stored file by the server for consistency.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising producing a rejection message if the server determines that the file and the at least one stored file are not consistent.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising producing an acceptance message if the server determines that the file and the at least one stored file are consistent.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the file is a .gif file.
10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the prompting ~~by the applet~~ is in response to a delivery of a ~~a[[n]] pharmaceutical item~~, the electronic signature and identification of the second application verifying receipt of the item.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) A personal digital assistant (PDA) for capturing an electronic signature of a user for verifying delivery of a package, comprising:
  - a pressure sensitive screen; and
  - a processing system adapted to ~~capture a signature entered via the screen and attach the signature to a business object maintained by the processing system,~~
    - capture an instance of the electronic signature by a canvas application;
    - encode by the canvas the instance of the electronic signature in a file, wherein the canvas application has exclusive access to captured electronic signatures on the PDA;
    - encode an identification number of a second application loaded on the PDA for the delivery of the package to generate an encoded identifier;
    - combine the encoded signature with the encoded identifier to generate a signature/identifier pair;
    - encode the signature/identifier pair;
    - transfer the encoded signature/identifier pair to a remote CRM application; and
    - responsive to receipt of a verification from the remote CRM application, if the signature/application pair is verified then authorize the delivery of the package, otherwise

not authorize the delivery of the package, wherein the processing system is operated in a java based environment.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The personal digital assistant according to claim 12 ~~13~~, wherein a pointer is attached to the file ~~by the applet~~, the pointer pointing to a business object associated with the signature.

15. (Currently Amended) The personal digital assistant according to claim 14 ~~13~~, wherein the personal digital assistant communicates the file and the business object to a server.

16. (Original) The personal digital assistant according to claim 15, wherein the personal digital assistant encodes the file and the business object prior to communicating the file and the business object to the server.

17. (Original) The personal digital assistant according to claim 15, wherein the server compares the file to at least one stored file for consistency.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium embodying computer instructions that, when executed by a computer, perform a method for capturing an electronic signature of a user in a java based environment on a personal digital assistant (PDA) for verifying delivery of a package, the method comprising:

~~providing a canvas by an applet;~~  
~~prompting the user by the applet to sign the canvas;~~  
~~capturing the electronic signature by the canvas;~~  
~~encoding the electronic signature in the canvas in a .gif format to form a formatted electronic signature; and~~  
~~transferring the formatted electronic signature to the applet from the canvas~~  
capturing an instance of the electronic signature by a canvas application;  
encoding by the canvas the instance of the electronic signature in a file, wherein the canvas application has exclusive access to captured electronic signatures on the PDA;  
encoding an identification number of a second application loaded on the PDA for the delivery of the package to generate an encoded identifier;  
combining the encoded signature with the encoded identifier to generate a signature/identifier pair;

encoding the signature/identifier pair;  
transferring the encoded signature/identifier pair to a remote CRM application; and  
responsive to receiving a verification from the remote CRM application, if the  
signature/application pair is verified then authorizing the delivery of the package, otherwise  
not authorizing the delivery of the package.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 18, wherein the method further comprises attaching a pointer to the file ~~by the applet~~, the pointer pointing to a business object associated with the electronic signature.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 19, wherein the method further comprises communicating by the personal digital assistant the file and the business object to a server.

21. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 20, wherein the method further comprises encoding the file and the business object prior to communicating the file and the business object to the server.

22. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 20, wherein the method further comprises comparing the file to at least one stored file by the server for consistency.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A network, comprising:  
a ~~mobile device~~ personal digital assistant (PDA) for capturing an electronic signature  
of a user for verifying delivery of a package adapted to capture a signature, encode the  
signature, and attach the encoded signature to a business object; and  
capture an instance of the electronic signature by a canvas application;  
encode by the canvas the instance of the electronic signature in a file, wherein the  
canvas application has exclusive access to captured electronic signatures on the PDA;  
encode an identification number of a second application loaded on the PDA for the  
delivery of the package to generate an encoded identifier;  
combine the encoded signature with the encoded identifier to generate a  
signature/identifier pair;  
encode the signature/identifier pair;

transfer the encoded signature/identifier pair to a remote CRM application; and  
responsive to receipt of a verification from the remote CRM application, if the  
signature/application pair is verified then authorize the delivery of the package, otherwise  
not authorize the delivery of the package;

a server adapted to receive the encoded signature/identifier pair ~~attached to the~~  
~~business object~~ from the PDA ~~mobile device~~;

wherein the server compares the encoded signature/identifier to a stored  
signature/identifier file and sends a verification to the mobile device if the result of the  
comparison is determined to be a match.